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For: SELF-CONTAINED PACK ASSEMBLY )  
FOR EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD )  
CIRCUIT )

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby submits the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited was made of record in Application No. 09/244,426 upon which is based a claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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